

Dear Members of the Human Services Committee of Connecticut General Assembly:

My name is Eleta Jones. I am a member of the Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance, a member of Hartford Friends Meeting (Quakers) and a career counselor in private practice in West Hartford.

As a member of the Hartford Friends Meeting, I have seen the impact of lack of health care and health insurance on Afghan immigrants recently arrived in Connecticut. If adolescents and adults who are recently arrived, legal immigrants, can't receive healthcare that is paid for, the entire immigrant family suffers. All people in Connecticut who meet the financial requirements, regardless of immigration status, should have access to health care. HUSKY represents an easy way for Connecticut to provide these services to all immigrants.

I urge you to support HB 6616 and use HUSKY to provide health care for all immigrants in Connecticut. We, as a State, can do better for immigrants than we are currently doing.

Thank you,  
Eleta Jones